Government is committed to upholding the secular principles enshrined in the Constitution of India, safeguarding the interests of minorities and dealing firmly with the perpetrators of communal violence. The activities of all such organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, where necessary.

'Public Order' and 'Police' appear at Entry No. 1 and 2 of List-II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain public order and peace, including registration, investigation of crime and compiling of data relating to communal incidents.

The Government of India shares intelligence and sends advisories/alert massage to the States/UTs from time to time and Central Para-military Forces are made available to them on specific request. A special force called the Rapid Action Force is deployed to deal exclusively with the communal tensions. Assistance is also being provided to State Governments for modernization of their policing infrastructure. In addition, detailed guidelines have been issued in October, 1997 for the promotion of communal harmony.

Talks with militant groups in Jammu and Kashmir

4293. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to initiate a dialogue with militant groups in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) if so, the broad framework of the dialogue;

(c) whether All Party Hurriyat Conference has responded to this offer in as positive way without insisting on Pakistan's participation; and

(d) if not, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Shri K.C. Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

has been nominated by the Government for holding political dialogue, with all sections of the peace loving people of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, including Kashmiri militant outfits, with a view to promote a vigorous movement towards establishment of peace and tranquility.

(c) and (d) All Party Hurriyat Conference has reportedly not yet decided about its stand on the Government's offer of political dialogue.

Population of Bangalore City

4294. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the population of Bangalore City as per the figures released by the Census Department after the completion of Census, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): The population of Bangalore City as per the Census of India, 2001 is not yet available as these are still being compiled.

Caution against fake Human Rights bodies

4295. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to caution State Governments to go against fake Human Rights bodies;

(b) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has received complaints to the effect that NGOs are masquerading as NHRC adjuncts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Commission to crack down on them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) It has come to the notice of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) that some of the NGOs are realising money from victims in the name of NHRC for processing their complaints and also that some of the NGOs are misusing the NHRC logo, address, telephone numbers and even fax numbers of the